

# BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



**RICHARD VALLE**

President  
Board of Supervisors

July 30, 2019

Honorable Libby Schaaf  
Mayor, City of Oakland  
1 Frank H Ogawa Plaza, Suite 1  
Oakland, CA 94612

**SUBJECT: Glenn E. Dyer Detention Facility Follow Up**

Dear Mayor Schaaf:

Thank you for participating in the Regional Meeting on Homelessness that took place on Monday, July 22, 2019. It was a historic meeting between the County and all of the cities within Alameda County that provided an opportunity for each of us to hear about the innovative approaches to addressing homelessness in our communities.

Throughout the Regional Meeting, all participants identified opportunities and priority projects to increase partnerships and collaborations to turn the tide on the number of our unsheltered neighbors. Specifically, you mentioned the County providing to the City of Oakland the recently vacated Glenn E. Dyer Detention facility to serve the homeless. Given the crisis we face, the County is available immediately to discuss this potential project in more detail and learn more specifics about your vision for the City of Oakland operating homeless housing at the site and partnering with the other cities in Alameda County to offer them the opportunity to house their cities' residents at the former Glenn E. Dyer Detention facility in Oakland as space is available.

As part of the conversation regarding your interest in repurposing the Glenn E. Dyer Detention facility to house homeless individuals, the County remains committed to providing appropriate supportive services through our County departments. We know that services are an essential element to successfully keep people housed and look forward to defining our appropriate role to support the operations model the City chooses to implement.

Given the urgency of your request to address the growing number of unsheltered in Oakland and throughout the region, the County is offering the City of Oakland a long term lease at a nominal cost of \$1.00 per year for 25 years that will enable you to repurpose the facility as you envision to house the unsheltered and partner with other cities to share available capacity. We understand that you have indicated that the City has the ability to immediately invest in one-time capital improvements to enable you to operate it as a homeless housing program. The County will continue to partner with Oakland and the other cities to provide essential and appropriate services to support the unsheltered as you expand and redefine your reach. Please call my office to schedule a meeting and tour for your staff as soon as possible to discuss the County's established offer to help Oakland address its homelessness crisis.

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Thank you for your continued partnership in addressing the important issue of homelessness in the communities we serve.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "R. Valle", is written over the word "Sincerely,".

Richard Valle, President

cc: Other Members, Board of Supervisors  
City Council Members, City of Oakland  
Alameda County Mayors  
City Administrator, City of Oakland  
Alameda County City Managers